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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

A GLANCE AT A. D. A. A. PROGRESS

In the Year of Our Lord 1925, the Founding "Mothers" of the American Dental Assistants Association, had in mind Education for dental assistants, and their successors have been persistent along these lines all through the years; I'm certain all who have been watching our progress are satisfied, and possibly surprised, at the strides which have been made in our educational pursuit these past few years.

Education for dental assistants has become a "must", and until the dental colleges are in a position to make available the necessary training courses for potential dental assistants, it becomes the duty of the American Dental Assistants Association, with the aid of the Dental Profession, to provide a means of obtaining this education for our members.

The House of Delegates to the 1947 meeting in Boston, voted to accept an Extension Study Course prepared by the Educational Committee of the American Dental Assistants Association, and immediately upon return to their respective homes, started the machinery in motion to make this education for dental assistants a reality.

A recent survey of the member societies disclosed that twenty-six societies are presenting this course, with one thousand twenty-nine members enrolled. This is, indeed, a high tribute to the ideals and progressiveness of the officers of these societies, and to the cooperation of the members of the Dental Profession who are so generously giving their time and talent to the furtherance of this educational venture.

Because of the increase in membership of the past few years, and the increasing demands for information and assistance from the officers of the American Dental Assistants Association, it became necessary to increase the dues so that a full-time Executive Secretary could be employed and a Central Office established. This has been done with amazing results due entirely to the efficiency of our General Secretary, Aileen M. Ferguson, and our good fortune in procuring a most capable person, Mrs. Mary L. Martin, LaPorte, Indiana, to perform the duties of Secretary and carry on the activities of the American Dental Assistants Association.

With the stimulus of the Educational Course and the efforts of a well organized Membership Committee, under the supervision of Helen A. Peterson, Glendale, California, plus the aid of ten alert and ambitious trustees, our membership has an increase of nearly five hundred members this past year, and is still growing, which gives us the greatest number of members in the history of the American Dental Assistants Association.

After a long and strenuous year of work on the Plan for Certification of Dental Assistants, it has at long last been completed and is in operation. We are more than grateful to the members of the Certification Board, the General and Executive Secretaries for their concentrated efforts to complete this gigantic undertaking. We are very proud to boast of over two hundred certified dental assistants among our members.

Since this will be my last opportunity to talk to the members as the President of the American Dental Assistants Association, I wish to thank all of you for the splendid cooperation which has been my good fortune to

enjoy during the past year, and to say it has been a unique experience and a great privilege to serve as your President during a year of unusual advances in educational trends and general progress.

In relinquishing my duties as your President I would like to leave with you this thought for the coming year: "A Prayer" by Agnes Carr of the Boston Traveller.

God give our hands new strength for daily tasks
As we approach each day with spirit high;
Thy blessing on our work is all we ask
From up on high.

God guide our feet upon the rugged way
And lift our hearts to Heaven and holy things;
God give us light when shadows gather gray
And joy takes wings.

God lead us on, when lonely is the road
When dark despair would crush us to the soul;
God give us grace to bear a heavy load,
We near the goal!

Sincerely yours,
Sadie L. Hadley, President,
American Dental Assistants Association.

INDIAN SUMMER

These are the days when birds come back,
A very few, a bird or two,
To take a backward look.
These are the days when skies put on
The old, old sophistries of June
—a blue and gold mistake.
Oh, fraud that cannot cheat the bee,
Almost thy plausibility,
Induces my belief,
Till ranks of seeds their witness bear,
And softly through the altered air—
Hurries a timid leaf!
Oh, sacrament of summer days,
Oh, last communion in the haze,
Permit a child to join,
Thy sacred emblems to partake,
Thy consecrated bread to break,
Taste thine immortal wine!

—by Emily Dickinson.

The Dental Assistant and Education

Frances Griffin
Kansas City, Missouri

It seems superfluous at this time after twenty years of proved honesty of purpose, to reiterate the object of our Dental Assistants Association. However, after these years we find quite frequently that there as Dentists and Dental Assistants as well who are in ignorance of our purpose, and stranger still we meet those who are in ignorance of our existence. So I deem it pertinent to again state the objects of the Dental Assistants are strictly educational, professional and ethical. It's reason for being is raising the standards of service to the Dental Profession, thereby creating a dignified calling for the women engaged in this service.

What has been accomplished in the past eighteen years has been made possible by the hard work and persistent efforts of the Dental Assistants, with the personal guidance and interest of leaders of the Dental profession.

Contrary to the beliefs of certain people, the majority of Dental Assistants have ideals and brains, and those among them who have given years of service to the Dental profession yearn for the day when the Dental profession in turn will acknowledge their loyalty and honesty of purpose.

In the progress and growth of the Dental Assistants Association, those who had close contact with its affairs have had the opportunity to note many strange reactions to their plans offered for better education and better service.

We are no longer living in the Middle Ages, and we have a strong conviction that the world in general is anxious to forge ahead in the development of its many activities. The

spirit of progress is preeminent, and as a whole people are interested in creating better conditions for the welfare of humanity.

We are living in a marvelous age, every day one learns of new inventions and developments in every phase of human activity, professional, mechanical or social. Never since the world began, have people striven more consciously for more helpful accomplishments. In this whirl of progress Dentistry no longer remains an obscure calling. It has followed the trend of the times and has developed into an educated recognized branch of health service and is taking rank with its sister Medicine in the service to humanity.

The Dental office is no longer a chamber of horrors, to be shunned and feared and only visited as a last resort. Patients and the public have become educated to the need of proper dental care—expect it and demand it.

Gone are the days when one year of dental training with no preliminary educational requirements was considered quite sufficient for a Dentist to practice. Two and three years were eventually found to be insufficient. So today, a Dentist requires four and five years of intensive training, and he must have preliminary training, he must also receive his degree from a recognized school or college and not from some unknown or so-called Dental school.

It follows the educated professional man no longer practices Dentistry with the crude implements of by-gone days, or in an ill-sorted environment. His office is the best he can afford and his patients desire good and careful service.

This is where the Dental Assistant makes her appearance. She is no longer an ignorant servant maid, or untutored office girl. There is an ever-increasing demand for trained Dental Assistants. She is definitely a part of Dental practice. She is delegated to be a stenographer, private secretary, nurse and overseer. She must also be closely related to the intimate details of the practice of Dentistry. She must know something of the Dental profession, its origin, its developments, its aims, its ideals and its ethics, as well as its operative procedures.

Where is the Dental Assistant to get this perspective knowledge? There is no place provided for her by the Dental profession excepting in the office of the individual where she found employment. Her training there largely depends upon the willingness of her employer to train her. All Dentists are not teachers and may not have the time or the inclination. Therefore the Dental Assistant has little means of comparison in her work. It might be good, bad or indifferent. She has no knowledge of what others in her field of activity might be doing for better service. If she is fairly adept she has no way to perfect herself through additional knowledge and training.

The girl who is interested in Dental Assisting as a profession, appreciates the fact that Dentistry is a living profession, constantly changing its concepts and methods; therefore she must adapt herself through constant application to be able to present to the patients who pass through the Dental office a contribution to the relief of suffering humanity, and perhaps help pave the way to an appreciation of preventive Dentistry.

Surely the Dental profession in time must recognize our need and theirs. The education we ask under the supervision of the Dental author-

ities for ourselves is for their benefit.

Education is a slow process, and too often we meet with the disinterested or indifferent Dental Assistant. When approached to take an interest in the activities of Dental Assisting, she will usually close her conversation after a series of evasive excuses with "Anyway I know all there is to be known about Dental Assisting." While we regret that any young woman should assume that attitude because it is evidence of ignorance or selfishness, two attitudes that add nothing to the welfare of humanity, we can only redouble our efforts to make our organization a factor to be recognized by every Assistant whether she thinks she knows it all or not.

Next to the Dental Assistant who can not see any good in education, plans or work for the Dental Assistant, we have members of the Dental profession who think that educational societies for Dental Assistants are detrimental or foolish. Many Dentists make it impossible for their Assistants to attend even the local meetings. This is discouragement to a woman who gives her best for the benefit of her employer, and then is denied the proper guidance when she seeks the only present means to broaden her education in the calling she has chosen.

Inasmuch as the Dental Assistants are not engaged in any endeavors save those that are for the best interest of their employers, I can add no new recommendations. Only repeat the old ones. Those of us who are interested in our work as a profession must keep in mind a few details that will help raise the standards of our calling, and will also react to our own individual benefit. They are as follows:

A dignity of bearing, a ready sympathy that expresses itself
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THINK—ON THESE THINGS!

By Virginia I. Fitzgerald

We dental assistants are quite accustomed to hearing good advice on subjects pertaining to our profession and surely we do need it and are grateful for such help and interest. Our qualifications are not peculiar, however, nor do they differ basically from the requirements of other professions and businesses. A pleasing personality and a balanced one; a well modulated voice, an understanding of people, tact poise, initiative, thoughtfulness, a clean and well groomed body—shouldn't every employer like to have his employees possess these things? And shouldn't every employer himself seek to be the same?

Then, let us think on these things!

We have been abundantly blessed with the richest of all gifts. Our eyes, our ears, our minds, our voices, our hands and feet—to mention a few. With our eyes and ears we perceive and observe. We see and hear that which is beauty; that which is not; that which is good and helpful; that which is harmful. With our minds we interpret what we hear and see and in our minds we nourish love, understanding, kindness, initiative—those things which we know to be good and right. And with our voices, our hands and feet, we do what we have observed and interpreted.

"A great tragedy," we say, when a person has lost one of these rich gifts; "a terrible handicap". And perhaps, at the time, the thought occurs that we are fortunate not to have had such misfortune. But are we truly thankful? How do we reflect it in our daily lives? Are we mindful of the obligation that is ours to use these gifts to the best of our ability in serving and helping others

however and wherever we can?

Why must we be told to smile and be pleasant when it should be a privilege for us to do as much? Why must we be told to develop poise when we know that such an asset is to our advantage? Why must we be told to develop tact and initiative? If we have thankful hearts filled with kindness and thoughtfulness, we will be tactful. If we are grateful, we will want to utilize our abilities—that is initiative! If we are fully cognizant of the worth of our hands and feet, it shouldn't be necessary for us to be coaxed and begged to use them in any way we can—no matter how small that way may seem to us. All the benefits we gain are made possible by others. But how much of ourselves do we give that others may benefit?

The mighty Mississippi river, that gigantic vein of power, flows its course over thousands of miles serving mankind in such a multitude of ways that it has become vital to many industries and countless individuals. Here and there along the path of that river, numberless trickling brooks and streams, known to few men and unknown by name, empty themselves into the ceaseless growing current. Take away those little streams—bottle them up one by one—and you'll not have the mighty Mississippi!

When, by order of the President of the United States, General Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines under cover of night, he spoke those words which have since become immortal: "I will return." And back home boys and girls were entering the service of their country, peacetime industries were converting to war manufactur-

ing working night and day for speedy and essential production. Every man, woman and child was doing what he could; defense work, Red Cross, canteen service, selling bonds, buying bonds, nurses' aid, salvage campaigns and many others you could name. We were doing these things "extra" because we knew we must help and we wanted to help.

His promise was kept! Some four years later General MacArthur DID return in one of the most triumphant and dramatic events of history. But he did not fulfill his promise alone. It was the whole armed forces—Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force; you rolling bandages, the little boy on your street collecting tin cans, without whose help he could never have returned.

There is not that person living who is entirely nor even partially independent. In manner, perhaps; but actually—no. Nor is there the person who accomplishes everything completely alone. True, there are those who will lead, but others must follow. There are those who will create, but not without help. Some will draw plans but some must build. Behind the success of every individual, of every organization, of every business there are the unsung heroes who do their bit seldom realizing that the "whole" could never exist without all of the "parts". Even as the soil, the sun, and the rain must do their parts before the bursting flower appears, so it is with everything worthwhile in life. Never let yourself believe that your small part is unimportant, but rather be proud that you can help. Eliminate the words "I Can't" from your vocabulary and substitute "I'll try". You do not have to possess special talents to be useful and of service.

Kindness, thoughtfulness, sincerity, the desire to give of self and time will not seek you out, but must be sought by you.

Must there be war to arouse within us the spirit of working together, to inspire us to present ourselves for use where there is need? Must we be told that we possess certain senses that make us incomparable to other creatures of earth? Must we be constantly reminded to think and to thank? Be joyful and grateful for what you have and what you are—not envious of things you may not have, and you will reap a just reward. Strive to use yourself and not be wasteful nor scornful with your abilities. And if you would be really happy, include in your activities at least one for which the only remuneration is the pleasure you gain from doing something for others or accomplishing something worthwhile. If we would be completely honest with ourselves, we will admit that we find time to do the things we earnestly want to do.

OF AUTUMN

When autumn comes it seems to me
That sunsets spill on earth and tree
Their showers of gold, and crimson,
too . . .

For bushes and trees wear colors
new.
Wild geese are etched against grey
skies,

In autumn earth is paradise.
Dear God, when on this earth I'm
through
And I make my abode with You,
Just one thing I shall ask of Thee,
Will Heaven have autumn and a
crimson tree?

—Edna Hamilton.

Are You The Efficient Dental Assistant

By Mary Lynch

The Dental Assistant is engaged in a truly soul-satisfying labor—that of caring for the sick. In no other phase of work is there so much gratification. In the Doctor's office, as in no other field, are all people equal. The rich and poor, ignorant and educated, atheist and religious, all are on the same level when suffering. There is no social distinction, all are treated alike.

The telephone is invariably the dental assistant's first medium of communication with the patient. A pleasant, courteous, well-modulated voice inspires confidence in the speaker. The frequent ringing of the telephone when she is occupied with a delicate task could predispose to an unconscious irritation in the manner of greeting the caller. This must be guarded against, as even the slightest impatience to the already frightened patient might easily discourage him from seeking the needed advice of the Doctor. It is her duty to obtain as much information as possible regarding the patient's chief complaint so she may impart this knowledge beforehand to the Doctor. This saves much time as the divers condition included in the scope of the Dentists' work require various treatments. If previous knowledge has been procured, the preparations are facilitated, there is no waiting on the part of the patient and a smooth path is prepared for the operator.

Many times reassurance is essential over the telephone. When she recognizes this fact, she should be prepared to cope with the situation. Many people call and ask to speak to the Doctor. It is her duty to endeavor to discover the reason. Fre-

quently, they simply want to make an appointment. It would be impossible for the busy Dentists today to speak with everyone who calls and therefore it is necessary to determine which calls are of the greatest importance. It goes without saying that whenever a colleague wishes to converse with the Doctor over the telephone, he is connected immediately without question.

The Dental Assistant's first contact with the patient creates an indelible impression. By being friendly and cordial, she can make him comfortable thereby minimizing his mental anguish. The secretary should take it upon herself to see that the reception room is supplied with up-to-date reading material so as to divert the patient's attention from his own distress. Some persons when they present themselves at the Dentist's office for treatment are extremely nervous and seek reassurance in the nurse. They are afraid of "being hurt." A sympathetic attitude on the part of the assistant can do much to alleviate their anxiety.

Children can prove themselves quite a problem to the assistant. Many youngsters have had experiences of "being hurt" in dentists' offices previously and this memory zooms vividly before them immediately upon entering the office. Some persons have a way with children, if so, there is no great problem for them. Unfortunately, all do not. It is for them that this applies: The only reason a child registers belligerence is because he is frightened. Therefore, the logical thing to do is to remedy the source—his fright. In some offices, there are toys, blocks or books for this purpose. If so, at-

tempt to have the child play with them. A child soon forgets and before long, he will be joyously engaged in his fun. When it comes time for his treatment, patience and kindness will do much more than force toward his good behavior. A promise of something afterward if he is good is often of benefit. If their interest can be captured, some youngsters will respond to children's stories or rhymes told to them at the time of their treatment. There is not too much difficulty in the handling of little children if one loves them, respects their fearful attitude and with her kindness and understanding seek to overcome it.

The sterilization of instruments is of the utmost importance. A rigid aseptic technic is essential in oral surgery as well as any other surgery. This must be maintained by the Dental Assistant. She must be familiar with all the aspects of sterilization technic of all types of surgical instruments.

The X-ray is an important aid to diagnosis. A well-taken X-ray can be spoiled in the darkroom. Clear, concise X-ray films are obtained by the combined cooperation of the Dentist and his assistant. The psychological effect produced by the exhibition of X-ray plates to the patient is inestimable in that he feels that he has double protection: the Dentist's opinion and the visual proof of the X-ray.

In the operating field, the efficient Dental Assistant is invaluable. The necessary preparations for the operation are performed by the assistant. She places the specified sterile instruments on the sterile gauze and during the procedure hands the Dentist the instruments he will need. The correct handling of mechanical details on the part of the assistant is in no small way responsible for the success of the operation. A calm, re-

assuring attitude toward the patient during the operation aids greatly in allaying his fears.

The Dental Assistant can prove herself invaluable in taking care of the financial end of the dentist's office. Most Dentists would gladly hand over the financial side of their practice to their secretaries, leaving it to her to collect his fees from the patient. A great asset to the Doctor is the secretary who can arrange the payments of his fees without having to bother him. There are some people who have no responsibility in regard to paying the Doctor. Sometimes, good judgment is necessary to distinguish this type of person from those who are actually unable to pay.

Punctuality is one indispensable requirement of the good Dental Assistant. If the office is scheduled to open at nine o'clock in the morning, it is the duty of the assistant to be there then. It would be very disconcerting for a patient with a nine o'clock appointment to arrive there and have to wait for the secretary! This would not create a very favorable impression.

One of the greatest assets the Dental Assistant can be gifted with is a cheerful personality. She must never allow her personal worries and disappointments to overcome her pleasant disposition.

The white uniform of the nurse has a definite psychological value. The patients instinctively place confidence in her with this uniform—to them a mark of her ability. Needless to say, it should be snow-white, with no jewelry or gaudy ornaments.

A clean, well-ventilated office is of prime importance anywhere, especially is this so in the Dentists' offices. There should be no drafts, the temperature of the room should be neither too high nor too low. The patient is usually nervous while he

is waiting in a Dentist's office and this must be taken into consideration when setting the temperature of the waiting-room. The lighting of the room should be such that there is no strain on the eyes while one is reading. The room should have a cheerful atmosphere. Probably a plant of some sort or fresh flowers could achieve this effect.

The Dental Assistant can do much to aid the Dentist by frequent recourse to magazines on dental progress. She should always be eager for knowledge. It is a practical idea to "keep up with the times." In Dentistry, as in everything else, changes are constantly being instituted and it is essential that the Dental Assistant be aware of these changes.

The Dental Assistant's personal life, whether she realizes it or not, is always up for scrutiny. She should never do or say anything that would bring discredit upon herself or her associates. Even though she is outside the office, people still look upon her as a representative of the Doctor. She should endeavor to stay in the best of health. The old adage, "Early to bed, early to rise" is applicable to her regimen as late hours are not conducive to a wholesome manner in the office. Anything that affects the office is important.

The life of the Dental Assistant is never dull. In a regular business office, there is usual routine work to be accomplished. In the Dentist's office, besides the routine office work, there is the ever interesting flow of human life. The dawn of a new day brings enlightening experiences with the complexities of human nature to the receptive dental assistant. If she opens her mind and heart to the difficulties of her fellow creatures, she will gain priceless

knowledge, knowledge never taught in books, but learned through contact with her fellowmen. This understanding of human nature does not always come with age; it does not necessarily come with extensive scholastic attainment — it follows upon the wake of the love and understanding with which one greets another in trouble and distress. This will be a great aid to her in later years, as well as the present. It tends to develop the personality of the individual; smooth over the jagged edges of her sometimes near-deficient endurance; give a clearer understanding and resignation to human frailties. A person may live a lifetime and yet never learn to accept human nature as it is with a real love. The Dental Assistant can learn charity, unselfishness and an awareness of the feelings of others. It has often been said that "you only get out of a thing what you put into it." If the Dental Assistant gives her love and confidence to others, she will receive them back a hundred-fold.

Run a quart or so of clear water through the saliva ejector after the last patient each day—to keep the tubing from clogging.

Keep a list of all stationery supplies and date that each item was ordered—to avoid running out of supplies (while orders are slow being filled).

Your stock cupboards can be kept up to date more easily if a list of items contained on each shelf is attached to the door. The amount of each item on the shelf can be listed and added to or subtracted from each time anything is placed there or taken away.

FLOWING CASTS

By Treva Burkle

Final edentulous impressions are boxed to avoid breaking the impression, to control the size of the cast base, to reproduce the peripheral border width of the impression in the finished denture, and to permit placing mounting plate in position.

Procedure for Boxing Maxillary Impressions

A strip of boxing wax approximately 3/16 inch wide is cut from a piece of black boxing wax, such as the Dentists' Supply Company carding wax, and placed around the impression 1/8 inch below the periphery and parallel to it. The boxing wax need not extend across the entire posterior border of the impression as this will cause the cast to become unnecessarily large. Care must be taken, however, to conserve the border at the pterygomaxillary notch. The boxing wax is luted to the tray on the under side.

If the boxing wax does not make contact with the impression on the tissue side, it may be burnished to it with a cold instrument, being careful not to mar the periphery of the impression.

A piece of boxing wax, of the size supplied by the manufacturer, is softened over a flame and wrapped around the entire impression on the outside of the narrow strip of boxing wax. The boxing wax should be placed so that it extends 1/2 inch above the highest part of the impression, being careful not to push the previously placed boxing wax out of position. The boxing wax is luted to the narrow strip of boxing wax on the under side with a hot spatula. This is done to hold the boxing wax in place and to keep the stone from seeping through when flowing the

cast. If the boxing wax is not level across the top and if it extends higher than 1/2 inch above the highest point of the impression in some places, it may be leveled by the use of a hot plate.

The mandibular impression is boxed in the same manner as the maxillary impression except that the lingual area space may be filled in with mouldine or a good grade of artist's clay. A knife or other instrument is used to trim the mouldine so that it extends approximately 1/8 inch below the lingual periphery and parallel to it. It should extend to the posterior border of the impression. To hold the mouldine in place, it is sealed to the under side of the tray with hot wax.

After the boxing wax has cooled, the impressions are ready to be flowed. A good grade of artificial stone should be used, following the manufacturer's specifications closely as to the amount of powder and water to be used. The mix should be thoroughly spatulated. If available, a vacuum machine should be used to expel all air from the mix to avoid obtaining a weak cast. The stone is then flowed into the impression, a little at a time, using a vibrator. Care must be taken not to overvibrate the stone as this may cause air bubbles and a weak cast will result. The impression is filled level with the top of the boxing wax. If a mounting plate is to be used, it is placed in position in the stone at this time. After the stone has set, the boxing wax, shellac basetray, and impression material are removed from the cast.

Alginate and colloid partial impressions are usually flowed in two

steps. (1) The stone is flowed in the deepest tooth impression first, a little at a time, allowing the material to flow in the other tooth impressions until they are all covered. The stone is then added in larger quantities until the impression is filled to approximately 1/4 inch above the height of the impression. The stone is allowed to set. (2) After the stone has set, remove this part of the cast from the impression. A mix of stone and water is made for the base of the cast, and placed on a glass slab. The first half of the cast, which has been soaked in water, is inverted and placed in the mix, forming the base of the cast. This procedure will keep the stone from pulling away from the teeth and will avoid distorting the impression, as is possible if the operation were attempted in one step.

Dental Assistant and Education

(Continued from page 165)

quietly, and a love of people and work that deals in health service.

Too often the difference between a successful and unsuccessful Dental Assistant is the simple ability to handle people. Therefore we must possess some degree of a pleasing personality. Everything we do must compliment our Dentist and the office.

The ever-critical detail of our own appearance.

Keep a strict adherence to our code of ethics. Be honest with ourselves and the profession we serve. We can serve efficiently and well. And, who can tell what may not be accomplished in the future if we do not shirk our responsibilities.

From day to day do the best we know how. Keep in mind all we aspire can be fulfilled by one little word "Cooperation".

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IN MEMORIAM

Jesse Brawner, President of the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Association and Treasurer of the Southern California State Dental Assistants Association passed away on March 21, 1948.

"Then are they gone? We ask of grief and sorrow—

No, not when they have blessed mankind with love

And kindly deed and thought for each tomorrow,

They still live on, while changing seasons move."

ATTENTION, SECRETARIES

If you have failed to send in the names of any of your members who have passed away this year, please send them to the Necrology Committee at once. We hope there have been none but so few have been reported. This is our only way of knowing When and Where we have lost a member. Thank you.

Mavis Bitter, Chairman.
167 N. W. 48th Street
Miami, Florida.

THE COMPLETE EGOIST

A mollusc who dwelt in primordial slime

Was always himself to the innermost core;

As being himself took up all of his time,

He never did anything more.

Still just as he was, though long ages have flown,

He stands on the specimen-cabinet shelf

A fossil, immortal in durable stone

A monument raised to himself.

—Arthur Guiterman.

DIETS

By Miss Marie Patti Pueblo, Colorado

They have taken a dental survey of all American people in the United States, and find that we have the poorest teeth in the world. This pertains mostly to one thing, that is Diet.

The Dental survey has found that we all must have proper diets. The foodstuffs emphasized mostly are:

1 egg for adults and 2 for children and pregnant women.

$\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of a head of lettuce or other greens and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of fruit daily.

$\frac{4}{5}$ lb. of vegetables and meat once daily.

1 pt. milk for adults and 1 qt. for children. Plenty of fruit juice.

Some unfortunate people have a lot of acid and much of it is found in the saliva and blood; they have a specially prepared vaccine and it is used by injections.

In our office, we examine maternity cases every six weeks. Some women get decay more rapidly than others. Of course we work with their doctors and at any time we suggest calcium, we get their permission because some of them might be allergic to certain types or forms of calcium and they would prefer to prescribe the amount and type. This helps the children even at the early stages of pregnancy.

During the survey they also found that the Eskimos have the best teeth. Largely based on the type of food they eat. Carnivorous—that is rich in vitamins and minerals. They also eat the internal organs of animals, which are richest in vitamins. Raw fish and meats are of greatest importance. On the coast of Switzerland, Scotland, and among the Indians and Negroes, all maintain good health and good teeth as long as they subsist on the type of natural foodstuff. When, under the im-

pact of civilization, they eat refined, modernized foods, which frequently are devoid of vitamins and minerals, their perfect teeth begin to decay.

Our teeth are living structure in intimate connection with the rest of our body—through a system of nerves and blood vessels. The very minuteness of the nerves and circulatory channels within the tooth, makes the tooth vulnerable to deficiencies within the fluid matrix that reaches the tooth. If this is poor in nutrients, the tooth will not get sufficient material to keep it in proper state of health and it will decay.

We can understand how sufficient diet must affect the dental structure. Our teeth are in a sense, the first lines of defense of the organisms. They take severe punishment. Watch a dog crush a bone—think of the energy which is used, and if we did that more often we could have and would have wonderful structure. Healthy teeth thrive on hard work. Chewing hard foods, cracking bones, struggling with fibers provides exercise for the jaws and massages the gum margins and also polishes the teeth. It stands to reason that we have so much breakdown of modern teeth, due to cooked soft foods. So let our children chew bones and swallow the soft particles of it; it is good for them. It provides the body with calcium. If your children crave something sour, give it to them, because if their stomach does not secrete enough acid, this calcium may not be dissolved and will pass on through the body unutilized.

Our diets must be sufficient with both quantity and quality, due to the individual and the kind of work he is doing, and also the locality in which he lives.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

Every year several hundred Dental Assistants leave the offices where they are employed and travel from all parts of the country to be in attendance at the annual meeting of the American Dental Assistants Association. Many of these girls are taking time off at their own expense, even paying substitutes to work during their absence, in some cases; many of them are taking a busman's holiday by spending their vacations from Dental offices attending Dental Assistants' meetings. It takes a lot of loyalty for a cause and enthusiasm for her work, but membership in her local, state and national organizations inspires this enthusiasm, which is an infectious thing—it's more catchin' than the measles but a lot nicer.

The Doctors who employ these girls are making sacrifices, too; many of them are staying right on the job in the office, working with an untrained assistant or no assistant at all, while their regular assistants are away attending state or national meetings. Even if the Doctor is out of the office, attending the A.D.A. meeting, we hope, or taking a well deserved vacation, he is still making a sacrifice to have his assistant out of the office, because while the Doctor is out of the office is the time that the assistant yields to the feminine yen to clean house; the desk, filing cabinets, bookcases, instrument cabinets and stock room all get a thorough going over and the assistant throws away all of the broken instruments, samples of thisa and thata that have been hoarded and the various other things that she can't imagine why the Doctor is keeping—she hopes that she'll never find out.

We extend our deepest appreciation to our employers who make real sacrifices by allowing us to have time out of the office to attend meetings of assistants' organizations. We are grateful, also, to those Dentists who give of their own time, talents and interest to make Certification Courses, and other study classes, possible. Praise be, these Dee Dee Esses are extro and not intro verts.

Dentistry admits that the assistant has an important role in the Dental Profession; that more Dentistry can be accomplished through the employment of loyal, trained personnel. Just as organized Dentistry has been the prime factor in the progress from the itinerant barber and charlatan who practiced a bit of Dentistry on the side, to the honorable profession of today, the assistants' organizations have seen the alert, trained assistant, in her white uniform, emerge from the menial who was hired to come in to empty cuspidors and clean up the office. Down through the years the history of Dental Assistants' organizations has been a history of progress, with accents on Education, Efficiency, Loyalty and Service.

The full time Dental Assistant who is serving her organization in some capacity finds that it is more blessed to give than to receive. There are times when she would much rather go to a show with a friend than to stay home and write letters—or an editorial; she says "No" to so many invitations that the time comes when they are not extended; now and then a long-suffering boy friend rebels and says, "Lookahere—you're gonna hafta make

choice!" But don't shed any tears about her, the assistant who is active in her organization receives much more than she gives, in educational advantages; in learning the art of co-operation and winning friends and influencing people; in broadened horizons; in enriching friendships; in the knowledge that she is doing a vitally important task and being a part of the great healing profession.

Is it worth while? We think that it is.

CHICAGO AGAIN?

A few short weeks and again the House of Delegates of the ADAA will convene in Chicago for their annual meeting. The big city by the inland sea is a familiar place to so many of our members; it has a very special appeal and we like to go there; there's no limit to the interesting places to go, and things to do and see.

To the Chicago Dental Assistants Association we extend our deepest appreciation; during the war period they were called upon twice to plan for meetings of the Board of Trustees when it was necessary to postpone the regular annual meetings in 1942 and 1945. In 1944 they were hostesses to the House of Delegates meeting, all this at a time when war-time restrictions made any kind of a meeting very difficult and hotel rooms were at a premium. Every February during the mid-winter meeting of the Chicago Dental Association and Chicago Dental Assistants Association they arrange an outstanding program and are somewhat impromptu hostesses to guests from all over the United States; now again, they are planning for a full House of Delegates meeting, and what plans they are making. So we take our hats off to them and guess that it's the spirit of Chicago and Chicagoans that makes it possible for them to carry on.

Thanks, Chicago! We are glad to come back again.

A bit about some of the plans for your enjoyment.

On Sunday, September 12th the Chicago Dental Assistants are planning an "open-house" party, to be held in Parlor D of the LaSalle Hotel, on the mezzanine floor, where they hope to greet ALL of the delegates; it will be like "old home town day" with all the happy reunions of old friends, to say nothing of the lovely new ones who will be there. This will be from 4:00 to 8:00 P. M. The Chicago girls would surely appreciate it if you would drop a card to: Gladys Triphahn, 108 N. State St., Room 805, Chicago 2, Ill., and say that you'll be there.

The program committee has planned a meeting of outstanding merit for the General Meeting at 9:00 A. M. Monday morning. Certification Examinations and Competitive Clinics and Posters will be the program for Tuesday morning. And on Wednesday morning an "Infoscope" presenting various departments of the ADAA with Vice-President Katie McConnell presiding.

The first three House of Delegates meetings are scheduled for the afternoons, beginning on Monday, September 13th at 2:00 P. M., with the final House of Delegates meeting to be held on Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon the Clinics will be presented for the second time in the Stevens Hotel, with those of the American Dental Association.

On Tuesday night the banquet committee, with Lola Berg as Chairman presents the gala occasion of the week, when the assistants will honor President Sadie L. Hadley, at the annual banquet. This is always a lovely affair and this year will call for some super-gorgeous adjectives. The program is quite "hush-hush" but there has been a rumor of something very unusual, in the air. Bring your formal. Price of ticket—\$6.00.

On Monday night the State Street stores will be open; the Chicago D.A.A. didn't arrange that, they are open every Monday night; you can shop, if you want to, and what Dental Assistant doesn't?

Do you want to go to Chinatown? The bus leaves the LaSalle Hotel every hour on the hour.

Want to visit a Broadcasting Studio? The Chicago D.A.A. is making arrangements for those who would like to do so to do so.

The Railroad Fair will still be going on, and that is really something to see.

Do you have a yen to see a musical comedy or a play? Irving Berlin's great hit, "Annie Get Your Gun" and "High Button Shoes" starring Eddie Foy, Jr., are turning people away, and everyone who sees it is roaring over a comedy called "John Loves Mary." If there is anything else that you have in mind that you'd like to see or hear or do, just ask a member of the Reception and Information Committee, of which Ruth Bates is Chairman. They'll wear labels, so you can't miss them, and they know most of the answers.

Oh, yes! What kind of clothes to take with you? That, is a good question; one of the interesting things about Chicago and Mid-west United States is the vagaries of Mother Nature in regard to weather. Sometimes summer stages a hangover in September and the temperature stays in the 80's or 90's; and sometimes cold autumn winds blow, and it is necessary to turn the heat on—we won't commit ourselves on that subject; we suggest dark prints and sheers, a light weight suit and blouses and a coat.

The ADAA Headquarters is the beautiful new LaSalle Hotel; every effort is being made to insure your comfort and happiness during the meeting; we'll look forward to seeing you there.

There is much of importance to be accomplished at this meeting—our theme this year has been PERSEVERANCE, which the dictionary tells us is to continue in action or maintain a course, a "never say die" attitude that over a period of years adds up to achievement.

This should be a great meeting.

VIEW OF THE CHICAGO LAKE FRONT



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MAINE D.A.A.	TEXAS STATE D.A.A.
NEW YORK STATE D.A.A.	SALT LAKE CITY D.A.A. (UTAH)
OHIO STATE D.A.A.	RICHMOND D.A.S. (VIRGINIA)

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To the State and Local Secretaries: The copy of the "Directory of State and Local Officers of the A.D.A.A.," and the "Official Program" of the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago, September 13-16, are for the information and use of your Society. Please see that they are kept on file and brought to the attention of your members.

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Abilene Dental Assistants Soc. (TEXAS)—President, Mary Priddy, 1444 No. 6th St.; Secretary, Anna E. Benton, 1231 No. 7th St., Abilene.

Tidewater Dental Assistants Association (NORFOLK, VA.)—President, Anne Ladd, 1503 Colley Ave., Norfolk; Secretary, Mary Virginia Collins, 715 Medical Arts Bldg., Norfolk.

North Central Washington District D.A.S. (WASH.)—President, Ruth Mervine, 911 Peachy St., Wenatches; Secretary, Cleo M. Reiman, Box F, Cashmere.

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CHANGE IN SOCIETY NAME

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

CLASS I.

Salt Lake City Dental Assistants Society (Utah)	147%
Maine Dental Assistants Association	82%
Richmond Dental Assistants Society (Virginia)	80%

CLASS II.

Oregon State Dental Assistants Association	101%
Rhode Island Dental Assistants Society	47%
Tennessee State Dental Assistants Association	42%

CLASS III.

Northern California Dental Assistants Association	108%
New York Dental Assistants Association	107%
Washington State Dental Assistants Association	66%

Checks to the three first-place winners were sent for \$15.00, by the American Dental Assistants Association. Second-place Blue Ribbons and third-place Red Ribbons were sent to the second and third place winners.

Membership Committee,
Helen A. Petersen, Chairman.

THOUGHTS OF AN "ADAA" EMBLEM

There seems to be so much suppressed excitement in the air. Wonder what's up — You don't suppose — Could it be — All signs point to another big ADAA meeting. I've been through this before. Listen —

What's that? Reservation at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago? When? September 13 - 16? ADAA meeting? Boy-oh-boy! That's it. WE'RE GOING! Oh yes, I always go too, and I'll be placed high over the heart of my owner. She says it is easy to identify fellow assistants when they wear the pin on their street frock. Then too, my initial guard helps others to tell where I am from. She says that my inscription is the best guide a girl ever had, even in a strange place. The ideals I represent are most worthwhile. I am her most valued possession.

She hopes that every ADAA member owns and wears the emblem of her Association and knows the joy of ownership.
Do you?

From: the Editor's Files.

Written by Opal Moore for the 1941 Pre-convention issue.

"A PIN FOR EVERY MEMBER IN 1948"

Since beginning our campaign for recognition of ADAA membership through use of the official emblem pin, your Pin Committee members report increasing interest in the prize award to be won by the committee representing the district having the largest number of sales in proportion to its membership.

Our goal, expressed in our slogan, "A Pin for Every Member in 1948," can yet be realized. Let's achieve it by winding up our campaign in a blaze of glory!

Do you have YOUR pin? It gives immediate recognition of association membership, announcing to all who observe it our aims and purpose—**EDUCATION, EFFICIENCY, LOYALTY and SERVICE.**

Pins may be ordered through your State Secretary. Remittance should accompany each order.

Anna M. McCabe, Chairman

750 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

MEMO FOR SEPTEMBER

Memorandum for every local Dental Assistants Association: the important item on your books for this month should be a birthday party, the Juliette A. Southard Birthday party.

The Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund is YOUR fund, available for you in time of need—help to swell by giving some kind of a money-raising project party on or close to September 25th (Juliette's Birth-date) and send the proceeds to the J.A.S. Birthday Party Chairman.

VIEWS OF THE NEWS

By Violet L. Crowley

GOOD ADVICE FOR ANYONE

William E. Gladstone, the Grand Old Man of England, gave the following advice to a class of students:

"Be assured that every one of you has his place and vocation on this earth, and that it rests with himself to find it. Do not believe those who too lightly say, 'Nothing succeeds like success'. Effort, gentlemen, honest, manful, humble effort, succeeds by its reflected action, especially in youth, better than success, which indeed too easily and too early gained not seldom serves, like winning the first throw of the dice, to blind and stupefy. Get knowledge—all you can; and the more you get the more you breathe upon its nearer heights their invigorating air and enjoy the widening views, the more you will know and feel how small is the elevation you have reached in comparison with those immeasurable altitudes that yet remain unscaled. Be thorough in all you do and remember that though ignorance often may be innocent, pretension is despicable."

In my opinion the above bit of advice fits in nicely with the aims and object of our ADAA: Education, Efficiency, Loyalty and Service.

GRACIOUSNESS

There is one virtue that no man or woman in the business world should neglect to cultivate. It is GRACIOUSNESS. A service rendered with graciousness is magnified to the person served until it seems—as indeed it is—a far greater service. Graciousness isn't toadyism. It isn't fawning. It is not an assumed thing, put on and off like a garment. It is courtesy, kindness, helpfulness, and understanding.

First District—

MAINE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting in June at the Poland Spring House newly elected officers were installed by Sadie L. Hadley, ADAA President, and Esther Hyland, ADAA First District Trustee.

Later in June a special meeting was held to discuss meeting place and plans for next fall. On September 8th regular meetings will be resumed. The group will meet at the Graymore Hotel, Portland.

The new President, Dorothy Hawkes, has been chosen delegate to the ADAA Convention in Chicago.

CONNECTICUT DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

By Helen G. Ross, Greenwich Connecticut

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Dental Assistants Association was held at the Hotel Bond in Hartford on May 18th and 19th.

The House of Delegates convened on Tuesday evening. Election of officers took place. Open House followed the meeting. Guests were Sadie L. Hadley, President of the ADAA, and Esther Hyland, Trustee, First District, State Dental Association.

Wednesday morning, Dr. Franklin Erlenbach of the Connecticut State Department of Health spoke on "Sodium Fluoride". Dr. Michael Turoff of the New Organization School for Graduate Dentists, New York, lectured on

"The Dental Assistant's Role: A Dynamic, Practical Philosophy of Dental Practice."

Clinics and the Poster Exhibit were held following Dr. Turoff's talk. The Mae Lavery Trophy which is given each year until won for three consecutive years by a district presenting the best competitive clinic, was awarded to Frances F. Rucci for her clinic on "Toothbrush Technique"; second prize was won by Mary Magner for her clinic on "Applied Dental Assisting". Winners in the poster exhibit were Sue Ferrucci, first prize, Edna Goethner, second prize.

The General Meeting took place on Wednesday afternoon. Unfinished business and new business were discussed.

Speakers during the afternoon session were Mr. Howard Potter of the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association and Mrs. Charles F. Berry of Springfield, Mass., who presented a very interesting lecture illustrated with Uatral Color Kodachromes on "Seasonal Flower Arrangements".

The annual banquet brought the meeting to its close on Wednesday night. Guests present were the newly-elected officers of the Connecticut Dental Association. Also, Sadie L. Hadley, President of the American Dental Assistants Association; Esther Hyland, Trustee, First District, American Dental Assistants Association; Mabel McCarthy, President of the American Dental Hygienists Association and Rita E. Boyne, President, Connecticut Dental Hygienists Association. Toastmaster was Dr. Henry Hicks, Trustee, First District, American Dental Association.

Following the banquet, presentation of the Mae Lavery trophy was made and the newly elected officers were installed.

Following is the program of Metropolitan District, Massachusetts for September, October and November.

Our program is set up as follows:

September 22, 1948—Juliet Southard Birthday Party with dinner at the Woman's Educational Union. A Chinese auction will be held after dinner.

October 20, 1948—Meeting held at Forsythe Dental Infirmary. Guest speaker will be Dr. Vincent Guy; his subject: "Your Feet and You."

November 17, 1948—Dinner meeting with State visitation. Guest speaker will be Dr. Philip Murray; his subject: "The Dental Assistant's Role in Prevention of Malpractice in a Dental Office."

We are all looking forward to the convention in Chicago. I think Metropolitan will be well represented.

—Barbara Ashley.

Second District—

From New Jersey—

By Charlotte L. Myers, Newark, N. J.

The Essex County Dental Assistants Association held its anual dinner

and installation of officers on Sunday, May 23, at the office of Dr. Giblin in Montclair.

Ruth Doring, President of N. J. S. D. A. A., attended the Toronto Convention, Toronto, Canada in May.

Mrs. Lillie Fairchild was elected as delegate to the ADAA Convention in Chicago, to be held in September.

A clinic, "My D. A." is to be presented by Charlotte Myers.

Fourth District—

News from Evelyn Agey of Miami (Florida) Dental Assistants Association includes the mentioning of a division of the Certification Class. We presume it was due to the large number in attendance; you will remember it was in the 80's, I believe. It is progressing splendidly. She also mentions social activity in the form of an annual spring dance. Work in Miami is moving along nicely.

LOUISIANA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

The Alexandria Dental Assistants are meeting regularly during the summer months with interest increasing. The program for May featured Miss Helene St. John, Legislative Chairman of the local Business and Professional Women's Club, who gave some highlights on parliamentary procedure and led the round-table discussion. "Wrong and Right," the topic at the June meeting was effectively presented by Mrs. Bertie Lawrence, who showed the wrong way for a dental assistant to dress and admit a patient, while Mrs. Grace Lancaster did things the right way.

The Ways and Means Committee has been hard at work trying to raise sufficient money for the delegates' fund for the ADAA at Chicago. Alexandria will be represented by the local president, Mrs. Viola Stone, as alternate from Louisiana, but most of the members are making plans to attend.

Progress is being made on plans for the Certification Study Course but there is nothing definite to report at this time.

—Birdie M. Cox,
Alexandria, La.

The Alexandria Dental Assistants Association was organized March 13, 1948, with ten members. I feel that they are to be congratulated for the splendid progress they are making. Good luck, girls.

Fifth District—

TENNESSEE STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

The nineteenth annual meeting of TSDAA was held in Memphis, May 24-27th with headquarters at the Hotel Peabody. Cecilia Allen, President of TSDAA, presided at all sessions.

Educational Program:

General session which included a panel discussion on Certification by Thelma Finch, ADAA Fifth District Trustee; a paper, "Some General Consideration for the Dental Assistant," by Dr. A. O. Klaffenbach of Iowa State University, and four non-competitive papers: "Why I Would Like to Be a Certified Dental Assistant," by Jean Roberts, Knoxville; "The Dental Assistant's Reward," by Margaret Alder, Chattanooga; "One of the Humanities' Handmaidens," by Jeanette Corbitt, Nashville, and "The Dental Assistant in the Lab," by Mildred Brown, Memphis. Dr. J. Roy Bourgoyne of Memphis presented each girl who gave a paper, a D. A. pin with a guard.

Some mighty fine posters were presented for which Nashville won first prize and Chattanooga second.

Six Table Clinics were presented:

"Set-up for Appointments," by Hazel Spradlin, Nashville.

"Helpful Hints," by Ione Roberts, Memphis.

"Highlights of the Essentials," Helen Carver, Chattanooga.

"Preparation for Indirect Inlay Impression," Lillian Howard, Memphis.

"Full Denture Laboratory Procedure," Margaret Pace, Memphis.

"Local Anesthesia Concerning the Dental Assistant," Eunice Blackmon, Memphis.

Clinic awards: Eunice Blackmon, first, and Hazel Spradlin, second. These awards were given by the Ninth District Dental Society.

Entertainment:

A tea, compliments of the Hooker Dental Company. Mrs. Charles Hooker and Mrs. Granville Sherman, wife of the President of Tennessee State Dental Association, assisted in serving.

A luncheon, compliments of the E. L. Mercene Company, was given. Following the luncheon the visitors were taken for a tour of the city. The group was entertained with another luncheon also, which included a style show. The meeting was climaxed by the annual banquet at the Peabody Hotel.

Seventh District—

We have news from South Dakota to the effect that following the SDDAA state meeting, the Mitchell Dental Assistants had such a large group in attendance, and came home so inspired they immediately started work and organized a local Study Club. Nice going, Mitchell!

Eighth District—

NEWS FROM ARIZONA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION!

From Helen Bailey of Tempe, Arizona—

The Maricopa County Dental Assistants Association wants to say "hello" to all districts in ADAA.

This is the first news of activity in our association made known by way of our excellent magazine "The Dental Assistant."

On June 4th we had a dinner meeting to which our Doctors were invited. This meeting was given in honor of the memory of our beloved founder, Juliette Southard.

With President Helen Bailey presiding, our program was given at intervals during the course of the dinner. It included musical entertainment, a short, but very informative talk about our association and the work of our founder, by Betty Melton; a reading, "A Typical Day for the Dentist," by Carol Joan Freeman, and material from the December, 1947 issue of The Dental Assistant; "The Patient," by Rosemarie Castle, and "The Dental Assistant," by Ruth Brady. Not to neglect "The Doctor," we, the assistants, stood and gave them a big hand. It was a most enjoyable evening, and we considered it a huge success. Our thanks to Helen Gipson and her committee for this splendid meeting.

Our Certification classes are to begin in September with everyone eager, yet a little apprehensive.

We like our organization, and we like our magazine and will do our



Dinner meeting of the Maricopa County, Arizona Dental Assistants Association. Seated at the table at the right, reading from front to back: Dr. R. E. Foulz, secretary of the Maricopa County Dental Assistants Association; Dr. W. E. Boddeker, President Maricopa County Dental Assistants Association.

part to keep going and get more assistants interested in the association in Arizona.

And Helen, we like hearing from you, and we like the enthusiasm of your group. Our best wishes to you for continued success and progress in your Association. Do let us hear from you often.

FROM TEXAS — OUT WHERE THE WEST BEGINS

On Friday, May 21st, members of the Fort Worth District Dental Assistants Association met in the main dining room of the Worth Hotel for dinner and installation of officers. The tables were arranged in a "T" with centerpieces of larkspur and daisies and flanked by lighted tapers.

After dinner the traditional Candlelighting Installation Ceremony was beautifully executed by Dorothy Moffett, installing officer, and Gwen McTier, conducting officer. A pair of colonial figurines were presented to Mary Ross Hall, the retiring president, in appreciation of her work during the past year.

Corrie Walthall invited all members and prospective members to be her guests at dinner on June 15th at Dr. Walthall's and her Farm Picnic house. Thirty members and three guests attended this feast which fulfilled Corrie's promise to have everything from soup to nuts.

—Esther Osborn, Fort Worth.

Houston District Dental Assistants Association is having a recess from regular meetings during July and August. However, they are planning a week-end party at Galveston during August. This group is relaxing a bit before beginning work in September, full force, with the beginning of a Certification Study Course, and keeping in mind also they are to be hostesses next May 1st to TSDAA. Plans for this meeting are already under way.

DALLAS NEWS

May Meeting—

The Dallas County Dental Assistants Society met in the Green Room of the Stoneleigh Hotel at a banquet honoring the doctors. The purpose of this banquet was to discuss the possibility of a Study Course for Dental Assistants.

After a most cordial welcome was extended to our guests by Verle Hundley, acting president of the society, Thelma Watts introduced Dr. Frank Shultz, president of the Dallas County Dental Society. He made some introductory remarks concerning the Study Course for Dental Assistants. He then named three members of the Dallas County Dental Society who would serve on a committee to organize the Study Course.

Following introduction of committee members, Dr. I. J. Thornton conducted a round-table discussion.

The meeting was very successful. The doctors approved wholeheartedly of this educational program.

The climax of the evening was the installation of officers for 1948-'49 with a most impressive Candlelight Installation Service. Edwina Green Ford served as installing officer, and Dorothy Brooks Hendley, conducting officer.

June Meeting—

Our last social highlight of the year was a picnic given at the home of Annie Mae Mills, 309 N. Carroll, Saturday, June 19th. Annie Mae is an honorary member of the Dallas County Dental Assistants Society.

The back lawn was arranged in night club order where a sumptuous meal was enjoyed, after which Winifred Navratil, social chairman, presented awards to the following: A guard pin to Jane Odom, president; the secretary's quill, Thelma Watts; also a gift was given Verle Hundley, vice-president, in appreciation for serving as president during the absence of Jane Odom. An enjoyable evening was had by all present.

—Mary Barrow, Reporter.

Last account of Texas' membership, 313—and increasing daily.

Ninth District—

OREGON STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

From Welthia Moore, Portland—

At our third Board of Directors meeting June 1st, our president, Vera McLaren appointed a committee to devise a workable plan for a State Employment Service that would be of benefit to both our Doctors and the Assistants.

We are happy to announce that the Clatsop County Dental Assistants Association has been accepted as a component society.

Perhaps all the readers know this already, but just in case they don't, we want the world to know that Oregon placed FIRST in Class II for membership.

Congratulations, Oregon! We are proud of you and happy for you.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE NEWS LETTER

Summer finds everyone going to or coming back from some place. It is wonderful to see and hear of their experiences.

Ann Hastings, First Vice-President of the State and Convention Chairman for 1949, is making big preparation to represent our Society at Chicago. We are all very happy and pleased that we have such a wonderful delegate. She will bring home the info and give us lots of news.

Grayce Armstrong revamped our State Journal and made it a honey of a magazine. We are so very proud of her. Our little Editor is strong for progress. She knows how to bring it about, too. Every month she writes a very pertinent article called the "Editor's Pen Point."

This Fall—September to be exact—we hope to have every one of the component societies working on the Certification Program and will do it fast enough to enable all who have taken the course to take the examinations at our state meeting in April of 1949.

It is difficult for the Dental Assistants of our State Society to procure the official cap—so our philanthropic chairman, Jane Hollister, thought it would be an excellent idea to buy a bolt of muslin and hire a woman to make the caps. She then would take orders from all the members. The money gained in this manner would then build up her own fund, thus making it possible for her to do more work during the year. Up to this year, this committee was active just at Christmas time. At the November meeting each member of the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Association brings a can of vegetables or fruit or a bag of the same but dehydrated, to the meeting. Then aside from this, money is solicited in some manner. Thus it is possible to feed about five to eight families at Christmas time, giving each a glorious holiday fare throughout the Yuletide season.

This annual burst of charity did not satisfy Jane Hollister, our L. A.

philanthropic chairman. She suggested that we try to take care of two of the most needy families. We furnished these two with an Easter dinner. Each received a small ham with all the trimmings, eggs both for cooking and colored kind, many greens, etc. I think her idea is two-fold—many dental assistants will be overjoyed to learn where they can get the official cap and our families will delight in having their burden made a little lighter.

This is Thirty for tonight.

Take care,
—Marie McCoy.

Tenth District—

We interrupt this program to bring you the following bit of important news from Michigan State Dental Assistants Association, sent in by Eleanor Marcou, secretary:

DENTAL ASSISTANTS TRAINING COURSE AT UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

For perhaps the past ten years pioneer members of the Detroit Dental Assistants Association have been trying to interest the University of Detroit School of Dentistry in offering a training course for dental assistants. Shortage of space and personnel have made it impossible until this year.

About two years ago Dr. Rene Rochon, Dean of Dentistry, became interested and began planning such a course. With the inauguration of the Certification Plan of the ADAA he realized the importance of planned training courses for assistants. Using the suggested courses of study offered by the Educational Committee of the ADAA as a guide, and conferring with several prominent Detroit dentists, the course was organized.

The first class was offered to assistants already employed in dental offices. A select group of twenty-eight girls began in February, 1948, attending classes three nights a week, three hours each night. This first class was graduated on June 10, 1948, after successfully passing a final examination.

The University plans to offer the course in September to be extended to a full year, and to be open to high school graduates. The course includes lectures and demonstrations in the fundamentals of all phases of dental assisting. Special courses in bookkeeping and typing were offered for those who had not had them, with alternate courses for those who had.

Members of the Detroit Dental Assistants Association feel this is a definite step forward for our profession. It perhaps will not be too long before other Dental Schools in the country will find it possible to offer educational advantages to dental assistants. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Rochon for his interest and untiring efforts in the planning of a training course for dental assistants.

Jane Hendricks of Grand Rapids, Michigan, informs me that the Grand Rapids group, under the direction of Julia Melpoder, program chairman, have planned their year's work along the Certification Study Course lines. They will meet twice a month. One of the meetings given over completely to lectures, the other will include a lecture and the business meeting.

The May meeting was a dinner meeting, with installation of newly elected officers.

The following news was sent to me by Mabel Hull, Cleveland, in answer to my letter of August 15, 1948.

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swer to an inquiry from me regarding the Jane Addams school in Cleveland, which I had heard of several times. It interests me, and I want you to know about the fine work being done there in education for dental assistants.

The Jane Addams school is a girls' vocational school. The course, a one school-year course, includes the study of anatomy, English, office procedure, bookkeeping, X-ray and laboratory assisting. A trained assistant and a local doctor are the instructors. For two hours on two days of each week these students attend Western Reserve Dental School where they receive parts of the freshman Dental Course. During the course part of the time is spent working in Dental offices under the supervision of a trained assistant. Upon completion of this course they graduate with the senior class and receive a certificate and the official D. A. cap. Interest in this course is growing, and classes are becoming larger right along.

Jean Hankey, past Ohio State President, and 10th district trustee, has been instrumental in getting this work started and approved and has done much to make it a success.

The Ohio State Dental Assistants Association will hold the first examination for Certification, Sunday, November 7, 1948, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., in the Dischler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.

INDIANA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

The 27th annual session of the Indiana State Dental Assistants Association was held May 16-19th with headquarters at the Claypool hotel, Indianapolis. Attendance was very good, approximately 200 assistants registered. It was a most successful meeting, thanks to our state officers, the various committees and doctors who gave so willingly of their time.

On Sunday evening, the first day of convention, a get-together was held in the Lincoln room of the Lincoln hotel. Each component society contributed to the entertainment. This proved very entertaining, indeed, and the program was unique. Refreshments and getting-acquainted period followed.

Monday Morning, May 17th

9:00 to 12:00 Clinics in the Assembly Hall, Claypool hotel.

"Aids to Your Doctor and Patient Management"

Bettye J. Lashley, Evansville

"Do's and Don'ts for the Dental Assistant"

Patricia Grant, Fort Wayne

Bertha Lillevig, Fort Wayne

"Chair Assistance" Dorothy Sells, Lafayette

"Family Dentistry"—The Assistant's Role in Family

Dental Education Connie Doyle, Jasonville

"Instruments and Their Care" Mrs. Dale Beeson, Indianapolis

"Model Trimming" Joanne Bugie, Indianapolis

"Temporary Stopping, Cements and Their Use"

Mrs. Marilyn Freyling, Evansville

Monday Afternoon—General Meeting

President's Address

First Business Session

Competitive Papers:

"Have You Got What It Takes?" Patricia Olson, Fort Wayne
 "Tired—from Office Routine?" Rebecca Kinley, South Bend
 "Why Dental Assistants Grow Gray Young"

Mrs. Cora Bender, Evansville

Business session resumed.

Monday Evening

Dinner—Lincoln hotel, Travertine room. Following the dinner a White Elephant auction was held for the purpose of raising funds for National Delegates. This proved very successful and entertaining, many of the girls went home with their arms loaded and empty purses.

Tuesday Morning, May 18th

9:00 "You, The Assistant" Sadie Leach
 9:30 "Peridontia for the Dental Assistant" Dr. Conley Robinson
 10:15 "Patient Management" Dr. Drexell A. Boyd,
 1:30 "Intra Oral Angulation," Illustrated Lecture Dr. L. B. Spear
 2:15 "Oral Surgery" Dr. G. Thaddeus Gregory
 3:00 "The Charm of Good Grooming" Mrs. Erma Applegate
 3:45 "The Certification Plan" Margaret Sharp

Wednesday Morning, May 19th

Final Business Session

Election of Officers and ADAA Delegates

The competitive paper trophy was presented to Rebecca Kinley of South Bend, second cash award to Patricia Olson of Fort Wayne, third cash award to Cora Bender of Evansville. The clinic trophy was presented to Bettye J. Lashley of Evansville, second cash award to Mrs. Dale Beeson of Indianapolis, third cash award was a tie—Mrs. Connie Doyle of Jasonville and Dorothy Sells of Lafayette.

Honorary membership was voted to Miss Marian Gruelle, the first President of I. S. D. A. A.

The Cooperation award was presented to the Fort Wayne Dental Assistants Association and consisted of a cash award.

The South Bend Dental Assistants Society met on Tuesday evening, May 25th, in the Ransom and Randolph offices. Mrs. Virginia Macht, president, gave a very interesting report covering the new amendments to the Constitutional By-Laws. Miss Geraldine Catterlin explained in detail the Certification Plan, after which an open discussion was held.

The June dinner meeting of the Fort Wayne Dental Assistants found the girls fully recuperated from the May State meeting and plans in the making for our Mid-Year meeting, to be held here in Fort Wayne, October 30th and 31st. More about this later as our plans formulate.

This concludes my sixth copy of Views of the News. I wish it had been possible for me to write each of you, who contributed to this column with your excellent news during the year, a personal letter of thanks. As I have not done so, I wish to take this opportunity to extend to you my sincerest thanks and appreciation for your help. I assure you it has been a pleasure to hear from you, and I hope I have sent in your news to your satisfaction. Continue to send your news to me and I will be sure it is forwarded to your new News Editor when she is named. Thank you again, and God bless you all. I'll be looking for you in Chicago in September!



Officers table, Dinner meeting of the Indiana State Association of Dental Assistants. Seated, left to right: Lois Kelly, President I.S.A.D.A.; Mrs Mary L. Martin, Executive Secretary, ADA; Alice Krick, Imm. Past President I.S.A.D.A.; Ivy Dobbie, 10th District Trustee; Lois Lambring, Secretary I.S.A.D.A.; Margaret Sharp, Imm. Past President ADA.

Standing, left to right: Grace Schoenbeachler, Executive Committeewoman; Helen Burns, 1st Vice-President I.S.A.D.A.; Rebecca Allen, Treasurer I.S.A.D.A.; Sadie Leach, Editor THE DENTAL ASSISTANT; Mrs. Herbert Mason, (wife of President of the Indiana State Dental Society); Reba Reimer, Local Arrangements Chairman.

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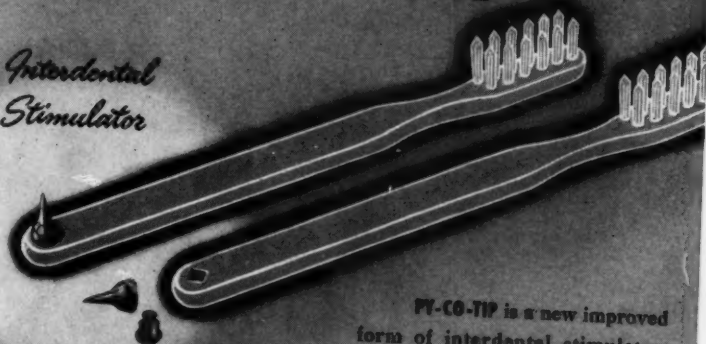
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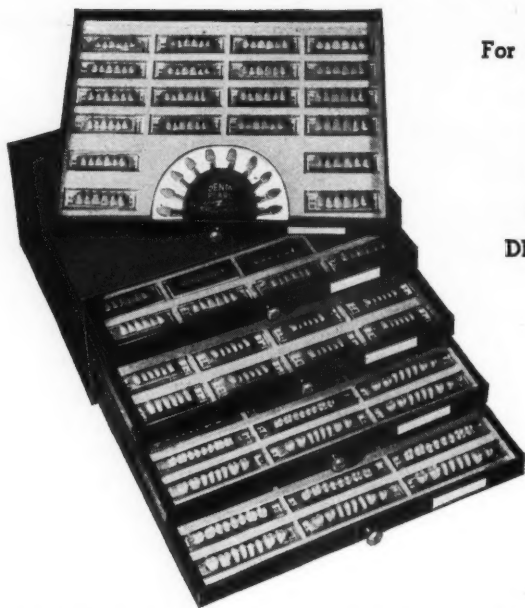
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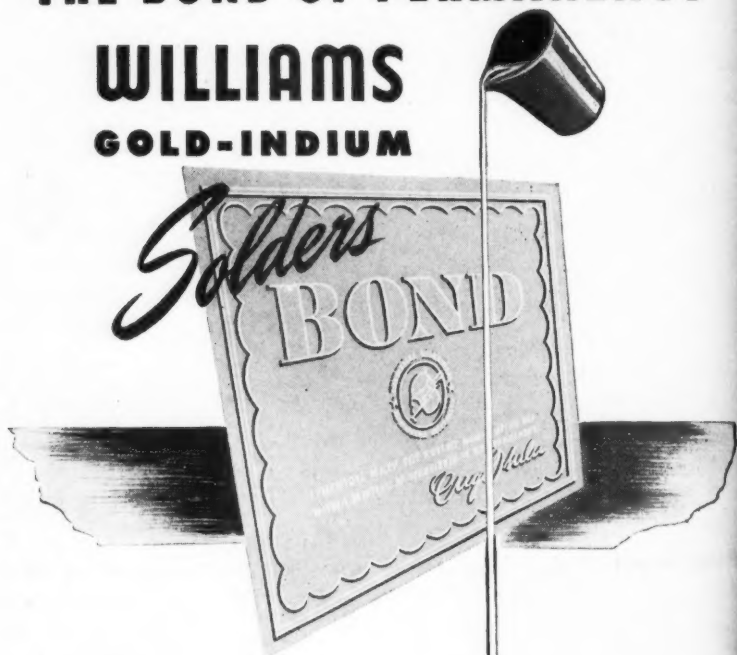
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